



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Citizenship



SECRETARY'S BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Andrew Metcalfe is currently the Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). He was appointed in July 2005. DIAC comprises about 7000 staff, located in every state and territory in Australia and 69 cities overseas. It provides policy services to government; and services to millions of clients each year applying for visas to travel to or from Australia, for the grant of Australian citizenship, or for related matters. DIAC's departmental operating budget for 2008-09 is AUD\$1.2 billion.

Mr Metcalfe is also a member of the Administrative Review Council (since 2003) and a board member of the National Australia Day Council (since 2002).

Immediately before his present appointment, between August 2002 and July 2005, Mr Metcalfe was a Deputy Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, where he was responsible for coordination of policy advice to the Prime Minister on counter-terrorism, security, border protection, law enforcement, defence, intelligence, foreign affairs and machinery of government issues. He also chaired the National Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Australian Government Counter-Terrorism Policy Committee, and was an ex-officio member of the Council of the Order of Australia.

Previously, Mr Metcalfe held a series of senior positions in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (or its predecessors), including:

- Deputy Secretary (1999-2002)
- First Assistant Secretary, Border Control and Compliance Division (1998-99)
- Chief of Staff to the Minister for Immigration, the Hon Philip Ruddock MP (1996-97)
- Assistant Secretary, Legal Branch (1993-96)
- Regional Migration Director, Australian Consulate-General Hong Kong (1989-93)
- Deputy State Director, Victoria (1987-89), and
- various other positions in the Australian Public Service (1980-89).

Mr Metcalfe was born in Toowoomba, Queensland and educated at the Toowoomba Grammar School (Dux, 1976) and the University of Queensland. He holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. He is married, with two children.

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